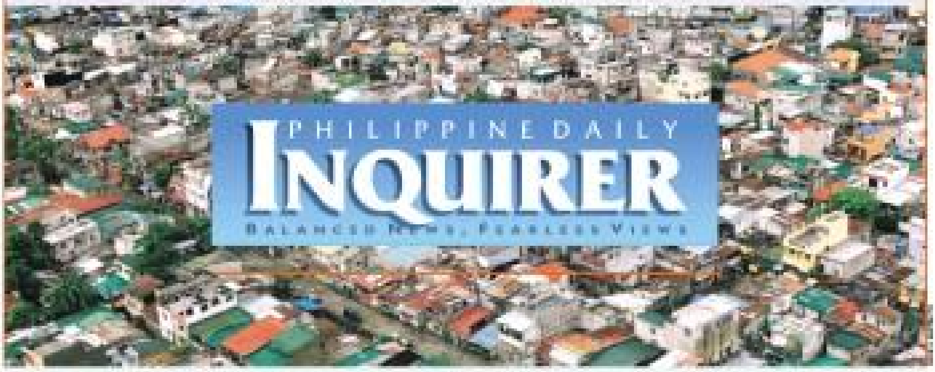


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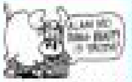
Joma Sison arrested

GMA says it's giant step toward peace, justice

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS—IN A MOVE President Macapagal-Arroyo hailed as "a giant step toward peace," Dutch police arrested Filipino communist rebel leader Jose Maria Sison on Tuesday on suspicion of ordering the murder of two former allies in the Philippines.



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PNP scored on Basilan list

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A Basilan police officer said the military apparently took a short cut in securing arrest warrants against 127 persons suspected of beheading 10 Marine soldiers in Al-Barka town on July 10.

Army chief says soldiers to stay loyal

By Christine O. Avendaño and Christian V. Esguerra

THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF the Armed Forces of the Philippines are professional enough not to be swayed into joining any destabilization moves against the government, according to new Army chief Lt. Gen. Alexander Yano.

6,000 soldiers, cops mobilized for Erap verdict

By Michael Lim Ubac and Alcuin Papa

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS AND police will be deployed at the Sandiganbayan and around Malacañang to ensure peace and order when the antigraft court hands down next month its verdict on the plunder case against former President Joseph Estrada.



DENR to probe tribe's complaint vs mining firm

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

BY STRADCOM CORPORATION

Pursuant to LTO Memorandum Circular Number RIB-2007-854, dated July 16, 2007, we announce that as of the date herein, only the following Compulsory Third Party Liability (CTPL) Insurance Providers are duly interconnected with the Certificate of Cover Verification Facility (COCVF) of the LTO IT Project's System.

The Motoring Public is hereby advised that **ONLY** CTPL-COC Policies issued by these Insurance Providers connected to the COCVF will be accepted and processed at all LTO sites nationwide for motor vehicle registrations.

The Insurance Providers duly interconnected to the COCVF are:

(Partial List as of August 28, 2007)

Asia Insurance (Phils) Corporation
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Meridian Assurance Corporation
Metropolitan Insurance Company, Inc.
Phil. General Insurance Corporation
Philippine First Insurance Company, Inc.
Pioneer Insurance & Surety Corporation
Prudential Guarantee and Assurance, Inc.
Seaboard-Eastern Insurance Company, Inc.
Sterling Insurance Company, Inc.
Tokio Marine Malayan Insurance Company, Inc.
UCPB General Insurance Company, Inc./PAMI



As soon as more Insurance Providers duly interconnect with the COCVF, the above specified list will be updated and published or posted at all Land Transportation Office sites nationwide.

***Insurance Providers may contact [illegible] for your contractual, documentary and other requirements.

Tax credit scam witness laments slow justice

By Michelle V. Remo

'Panatag sa Smokey Mountain, Salamat sa Korte Suprema 13-0'



The old Smokey Mountain



"Mas mabilis na ang daloy ng tulong sa mahihirap." — Fr. Ben Beltran, SVD

Employment for Smokey Mountain Residents



'Feeling Rich'

Supreme Court and Faith in the Future

Mountains of Dreams and Hopes

Unleashed Opportunities





SC affirms validity of book deal

The Daily Gospel

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

Beheading of John the Baptist

Housing fair for cops, other DILG men opens

By Cynthia D. Balana

SOME 28,000 FORECLOSED AND acquired properties of the government were opened yesterday to more than 22,000 policemen and other personnel of the Department of Interior and Local Government during the "DILG Family Housing Fair" in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Vice President Noli de Castro, chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and Interior and Local Government Secretary Ronaldo Puno led the opening of the fair.

Also covered by the fair are the attached agencies of the DILG such as the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, National Police Commission, and Philippine Public Safety College.

The three-day fair, which will run until Aug. 30, will offer financing not only of the key shelter agencies—Pag-Ibig Fund, National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, and Home Guaranty Corporation—but also selected government financial institutions, including Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System, and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

The properties for sale are located in Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, and Laguna.

The properties being sold will have an interest rate of as low as 6 percent, payable in 30 years, the longest repayment period in the market to date.

"Now, minimum wage earners can afford to buy their own homes. For instance, a housing loan of P200,000 will have a monthly amortization of P1,[illegible] only which is far, far lower than when you pay rent of P5,000 to P10,000 per month. Similarly, a P500,000 housing package will only entail a P[illegible] monthly payment," De Castro said.

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Climbers' 'new Everest': To plant trees on mountains

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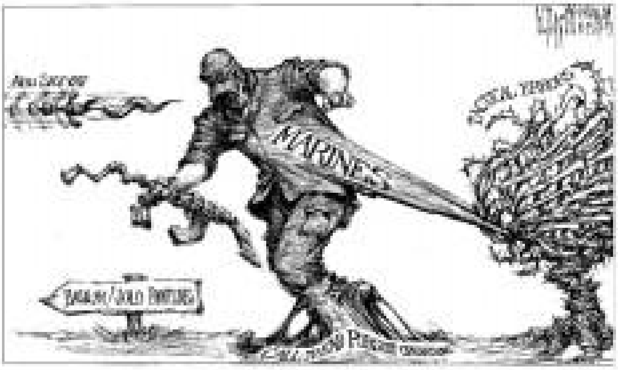
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GMA Senate allies to stop playing of 'Garci' tape

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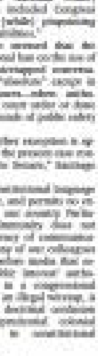
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DOTC chief sued over broadband deal with China's ZTE Corp.





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Across the NATION

Marine gets award a year after death in Sulu

Gov't, MILF agree in secret KL meet to keep truce monitors

COTABATO CITY—A Malaysian-led team got a fresh mandate as ceasefire observers as Philippine government and Moro rebel negotiators met secretly at the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur on Monday.



Bulacan folk ask GMA to stop mining in Biak-na-Bato

Ombudsman to hire more men for Visayas offices, says exec

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THE TRIUMPHANT Madrigal Singers pose with the prize at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Madrigal Singers return with choral grand prize

By Tara Quismundo

'Mads'

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Lifting of 'premature marriage' ban sought



RESIDENTS watch as a huge blaze destroys an estimated 50 houses in Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City

Fires hit Quezon City, Taguig; P10 million lost

A plus METRO

UP stude's death a mystery

'Public administration senior could be hazing victim'

MYSTERY SHROUDS THE death of a 20-year-old graduating student of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, who was rushed to a hospital after midnight Monday where he was declared dead on arrival.

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6 hurt as truck hits 3 vehicles on SLEx

By John M. Aurelio



CHOOSING CAREER OPTIONS

Ex-Pasay City officials face extortion charge

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Raps dropped vs 2 UP fratmen

MMDA to relocate riverside communities in San Juan City

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Suspected bomber gives himself up

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China's online game overloads server

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33 Iraqi rebels killed

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The WORLD

Another longtime aide to Bush resigns



GONZALES

WASHINGTON—US ATTORNEY GENERAL Alberto Gonzales announced his resignation on Monday after months of questions about his competence and accusations from Congress that he politicized the office to benefit President George W. Bush.

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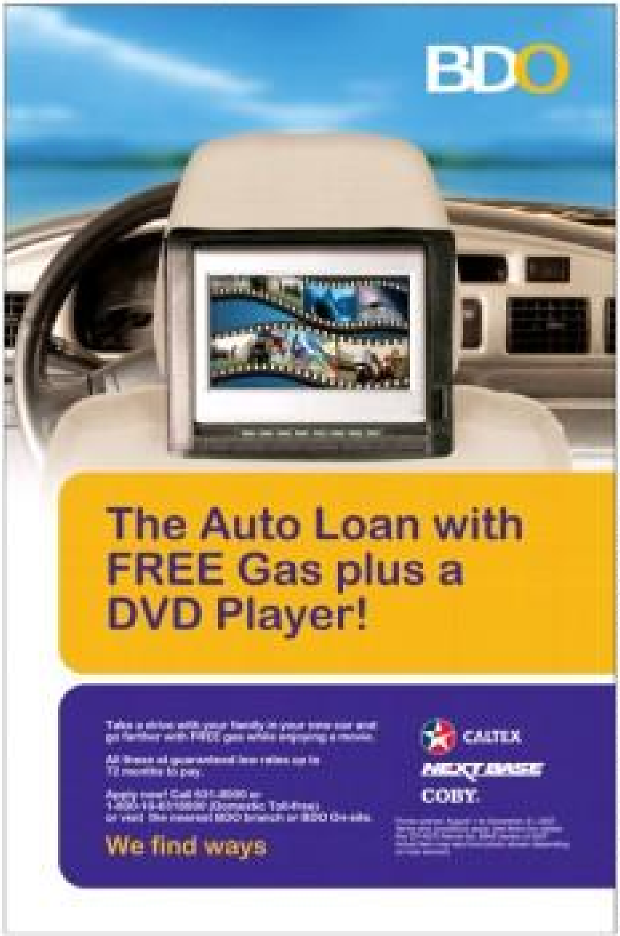
7 charged with arson for raging fires in Greece



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Russia arrests 10 in journalist's murder

MOSCOW—RUSSIA ON MONDAY announced 10 arrests in the killing of investigative reporter Anna Politkovskaya [illegible]

AFP

Iran protests against new Mohammed cartoon

STOCKHOLM—IRAN SUMmoned a Swedish diplomat to its foreign ministry on Monday to protest against a cartoon in a Swedish newspaper [illegible]

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NCAA, San Beda reach compromise on Aljamal

Red Lions to freeze high-scoring skipper until Final Four

THE SAN BEDA RED LIONS and the NCAA put the promise in compromise.

Fernandos show way in qualifier

By Marang B. Castillo



LATE-HOLE COLLAPSE: Anthony Fernando (left).

Imports power Koreans past Harbour-RP 5

Pacquiao and Roach have a problem

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Recah Trinidad

Pacquiao taking a risk, say Wild Card people

By Recah Trinidad



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100 fighters up in Makati's Bares derby

Cainta 'Stagwars' resumes today

Salvador gets back form, rules NGAT Cebu stage

Japan swimfest: Molina sinks 2 RP marks



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ALJAMAL: Freddie Lim says TNT will sign him

Phone Pals keeping solid roster intact

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Federer, Henin whip Open foes

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US shakes off scrappy Mexico, stays unbeaten

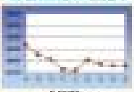
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Gov't rejects all bids for 1-yr T-bills

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DOF says banks want 'absurdly high' rates

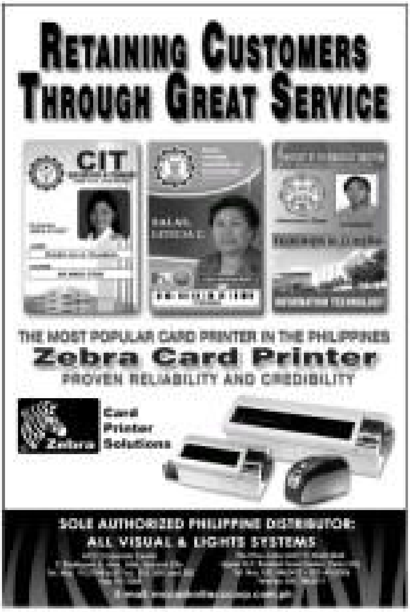
THE GOVERNMENT REJECTED ALL BIDS FOR THE one-year treasury bills, saying the yields sought by banks were absurdly high given the much lower rate recorded in the previous auction.

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Stocks up 1.4% on bargain hunting







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No such thing as free dinner

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Conrado R. Banal III

RP property market insulated from US subprime crisis

By [illegible]

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FRESH PERSPECTIVES

service innovations from Insular Life

Insular Life, the Philippines' leading Filipino life insurer draws from its rich heritage as it creates innovations to answer the evolving needs of its number one partner: its policyholders.



These days, innovations are directly associated with technological breakthroughs. Mention the word "innovation" and one would start thinking of mobile phones, computers, mp3 players, and other such devices.

Innovations, however, have more to it than rolling out the latest gadgetry. The word itself means "to introduce something new", such as ideas, practices and methods. From another angle, one could say that to innovate is to look at something with new eyes, with new perspective.

Looking for a fresh perspective is the path that Insular Life, the leading Filipino life insurance company has been doing throughout its almost 100 years. From establishing the first training school in life insurance way back early 50's, to introducing industrial life insurance in 1958, to creating the system for direct marketing of life insurance products in 1977, Insular Life has had major influences in the development of the life insurance industry.

Today, in the midst of a technologically-driven and digitally connected world, and a steeply competitive life insurance industry, Insular Life continues to stay on its toes in developing new ways to make its clients, whom it fondly refers to as "suki" or valued customers, delightfully remember every Insular Life encounter.

Magandang Araw po sa Inyo!

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INSULAR LIFE
Magandang Araw Insular
876-1-800

Dial 876-1-800 for the Magandang Araw experience

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Bar Codes: simplifying bill payment

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Love those reward points!

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A "Dial-lightful" payment scheme

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Foreign chambers promote retirement industry

ECCP leading effort to make RP a prime healthcare destination

Gov't rejects . . .

To our brave troops: Godspeed!

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BSP sees higher August inflation rate

ALI ups capital by P1.5B

'07 coco output seen to decline

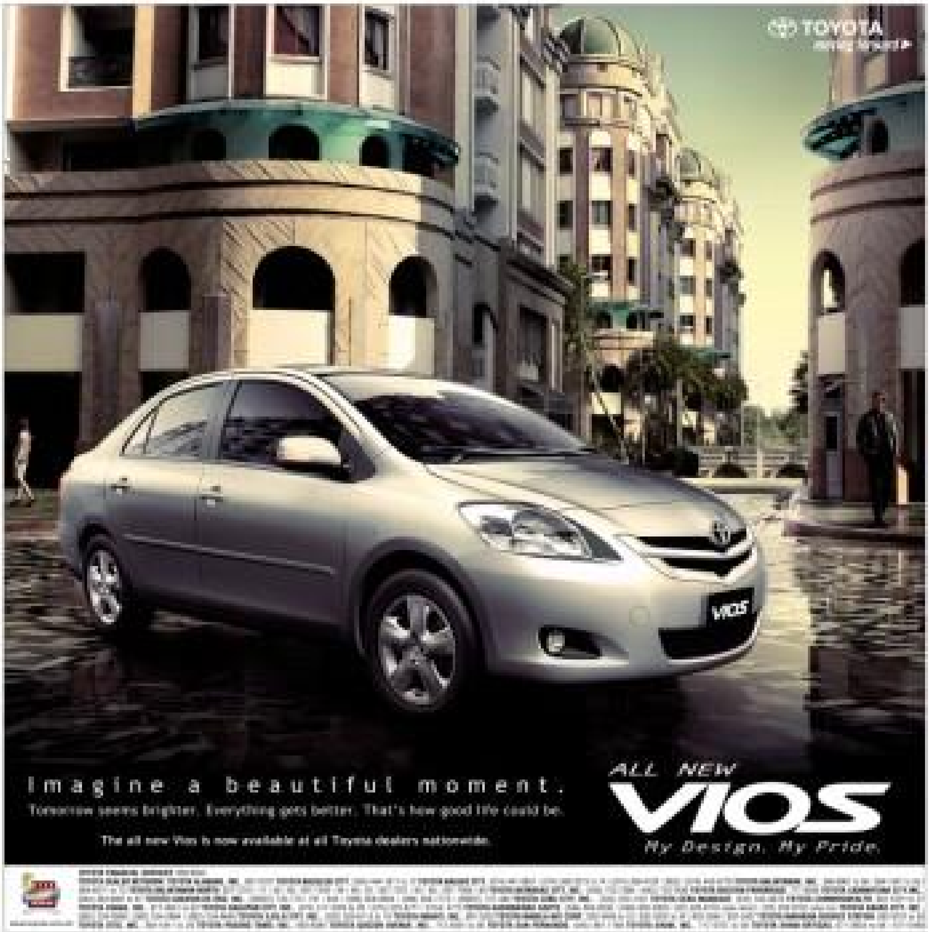
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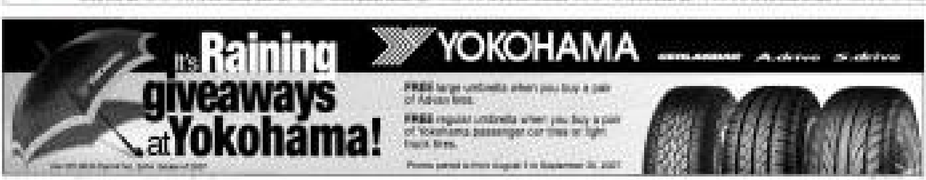
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RP haven for classic car restoration

Thriving business





Insurers urge GSIS to join CTPL solution

By Jump Ocampo
Contributor



GARCIA



DIMASALI

THE COUNTRY'S NONLIFE insurers are urging the Government Service Insurance System to join them in their "interim solution" to the problems hounding mandatory insurance for motor vehicles.

The Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (Pira), the umbrella group of all non-life insurance companies in the Philippines, said the GSIS is welcome to participate in the authentication and verification system being used right now at the Land Transportation Office.

"GSIS is a member of Pira and we are more than glad to welcome it on board if it wishes to join us in the interim CTPL solution," said Pira president Ramon Dimasali.

Monopoly

GSIS has been lobbying to monopolize the CTPL business, and GSIS chief Winston Garcia has been quoted in news reports as admitting that it is the "single insurance provider" being referred to by the Department of Transportation and Communications in its Department Order 2007-20.

The order integrates CTPL insurance into the LTO registration process and puts the entire P3.5-billion-a-year business under one insurance provider.

Opposition

Pira has filed a case questioning the constitutionality of the order.

Dimasali noted that various groups—including the Department of Finance (DoF)—have expressed opposition to a monopoly of the CTPL business.

"Motorists and automakers are one in saying that monopoly is bad for everybody and that includes the government," he said.

Interim solution

This is the reason, he stressed, the DoF and the Insurance Commission pushed for the "interim solution" as a stop-gap measure that would ensure the authenticity of all CTPL policies while a permanent system is being developed.

Under the interim solution, only companies with valid licenses from the Insurance Commission can issue CTPL. During annual vehicle registration, the CTPL will first be checked by an authenticating computer set up by Pira. Those declared authentic will be sent to the verification computer of Stradcom, the computer systems provider of the LTO.

Stradcom's computer will check if the vehicle's records are in order. It will then include the CTPL policy number with the vehicle's records, thus making sure that every vehicle will have its own CTPL insurance.

Sold many times

"In the past, one CTPL insurance policy was usually sold many times to various vehicle owners. This cannot be done now because the computer will reject it," Dimasali said.

The Pira chair added that training is being given to all insurance agents to familiarize them with the interim solution.

"It is a new system. With everybody's help, we're confident that it would work," he said.

Want to know about biofuels? Visit this site

By Jump Ocampo
Contributor

DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF THE PHILIPPINE Biofuels Act, many Filipinos are still clueless about clean-burning fuels.

This is why major players in the emerging biofuels industry have banded together to put up a website that would provide information on everything biofuels in the Philippines.

Biofuels website

The Biofuels Philippines (www.biofuels.com.ph) website was launched recently at the Department of Energy with representatives from Seaoil Philippines and Chemrez Technologies lending their support. The two pioneered the sale of ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel in the Philippines even before the advent of the Biofuels Law.

Seaoil Philippines president Glenn Yu personally toured DoE officials and guests through the website, which has various resources to help motorists and others interested in clean-burning fuels.

Yu expects college students to be the website's No. 1 audience as many of them do research work on environmental issues. He explained that the website is far from being complete. "This website is a work in progress and will be continually improved to respond to the needs of its audience," he said.

Seaoil is considered the Philippines' first biofuels player. It was the first to sell biofuels in its pumps all over the country and, since August 2005 up to the present, has already logged more than 3 million liters of E10 or gasoline blended with 10 percent ethanol.

Clamor for more info

Chemrez chief operating officer Jun Lao, meanwhile, said the Biofuels Philippines website was put up in response to Filipinos' clamor for more information on biofuels.

"No less than President Macapagal-Arroyo has acknowledged that Filipinos still lack information on biofuels, which explains the reasons for their hesitation in using biofuels," he said.

Implementation update

Director Mario Marasigan, chief of the Energy Management Bureau of the Department of Energy, gave an update on the implementation of the Biofuels Law which began May 6 this year.

At present, he said, all oil companies are already selling diesel with 1 percent coco diesel blend and some are even doing research on higher percentage blend. He expressed optimism that investments would continue to pour in, particularly in ethanol production.

The Philippines is among the first countries to enact a legislation on mandatory biofuels use. Starting with one percent biodiesel blend for diesel and five percent ethanol blend for gasoline, the Philippine Biofuel Law is expected to cut down the country's dependence on imported oil.

Support

Motorists and car manufacturers also attended the Biofuels Philippines website launch. Jun Sigua, a veteran in motorsports, welcomed the website as a very timely initiative that could provide the information motorists need.

"In the past, we had nowhere to go to when we wanted to do research on biofuels. Motorists now are better off because they have the Internet," he said.

For its part, Ford Philippines, the country's biggest maker of cars that can run on high biofuel blends, pledged to support the website and promote it to its customers.

RP haven for classic car restoration

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The talent is already built-in, so to speak. Frank Kirk of Route 66 (a private hobby shop known only to Frank's close business associates and friends) says Filipinos are excellent craftsmen, and can interpret every squeak of the car and roar of an engine into a language the world understands—English.

"We are a learned people," Kirk quips. "Given the right breaks, the restoration industry in the Philippines can become a major source of income, indeed," he adds.

'Give us a break'

Max Claudio, also of Route 66, says a multibillion-dollar car restoration industry can only happen if Filipino craftsmen were to be given the proper breaks. "We're just lacking in the proper tools, facilities and breaks. Car restorers in the United States and in Japan get them all."

But you can't let pure talent down, as what Kirk and Claudio have discovered from years of restoring cars from all ages and eras. Claudio stresses that the country is still being recognized worldwide as a haven for classic cars. "We still literally use old-world craftsmanship. We have people who do great work, from chrome plating to parts reproduction, to fabrication," he says.

"In the Philippines, we are not paid by the hour; we are paid by results. In other words, we take our time."

"Our culture includes keeping things for a long time, running keys to parts. It's part of the family values, 'this is grandpa's old car, I want to restore it,'" Kirk adds.

Car enthusiast Mandy Eduque, Automobile Association Philippines director, says that Filipinos are excellent when it comes to work requiring patience, diligence and craftsmanship. Filipinos are very innovative, he adds, and they will solve the problem in whatever way it needs to get solved.

Eduque has some suggestions to get the breaks going this way. "What we need to do is to set up a system of incentives for foreign consumers to send their cars here. I think the best way to do it is to encourage people to set up in places in Clark and Subic. You want to minimize red tape and taxes. If you set up in a duty-free zone, you send the cars in, import whatever parts needed duty-free. When the cars are finished you ship them back out," he explains.

Low-maintenance perfectionists

"We are perfectionists by heart. In fact, the craftsmen who work with us take pride in their work. Our people go with us to car shows. They treat the cars as if it were their own. That's true dedication, true passion to the hobby. That's a cultural virtue of the Filipino," Claudio says.

Combining perfectionism with cheap labor costs is something the world should know if we were to woo international car collectors away from the car restoration capitals—America and Japan.

"American and Japanese restorers charge you by the man hours," Claudio reveals. "That's why in Japan and in America, the restorers are always the owners of the cars. It will cost you a fortune, unlike here where labor is cheap."

Regional distinctions

Claudio observes regional distinctions when it comes to craftsmanship. He cites that Visayans were particularly skilled in detailing, polishing and cleaning.

"Kapampangans, and those from Laguna, on the other hand, are skilled with woodworks." He cites, in particular, carvers from Paete, Laguna.

Claudio adds that Filipinos are among the world's best in terms of workmanship and craftsmanship, particularly when working with rare car parts.

"We work with craftsmen who are excellent in metalwork, and there are experts on fiberglass. These are very valuable components when you do restoration work. Some cars we work on have missing parts. What do we do? We copy what is left, such as when the left side is missing, we copy what we have from the right side and convert it to a left mold. That's what Europeans really take notice of, the Filipino ingenuity. Nobody grows ... (There's no existing part, yet we still move, etc.). That's what differentiates the Filipino craftsmen from the rest."

In Kirk's and Claudio's shop, craftsmen from Pampanga have recreated wood trims of Mercedes-Benzes, interiors rivaling those made in Stuttgart, and metalwork of virtually the same finish as their counterparts in Italy—all for just a third of the foreign cost.

But beyond costs, Kirk adds that the Filipinos' skills in metallurgy hold up to the test of time, as well. "American and European cars are usually built with thicker gauge metal than Japanese cars, hence the ability of the former to last longer. It is easier to work with sound metal, not accident-damaged or distorted due to metal fatigue."

Laid back

Car restoration, Claudio explains, fits the Filipino work culture. "By nature, we have to be laid back. Projects should not be rushed. We always take time. 'Hintay muna.' Among muna, tsaka na. ... (Don't rush me, I'll finish the job). That is the cars way of life."

And it's certainly a way of life computer designers and simulators cannot still yet fully grasp. "Working with bare hands and eyes on projects that demand a certain eye or a certain skill is certainly an advantage, especially when you have to examine panels and paint work. And when you do metal work, it entails a lot of hammering and feeling."

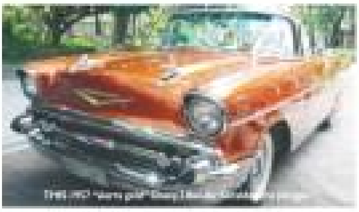
Restorers agree that the distinctive simplicity of classic cars attract collectors.

"There is a certain 'eternal' effect when you drive vintage or classic cars. If you have an expensive late model car, people look at you with envy. But if you have a very rare collectible classic, people look at you with respect," Kirk quips.

And if you happen to be a restorer of these "very rare collectible classics," the respect you gain from an admiring international public may be worth much, much more than the billions of dollars your country is poised to earn from your efforts.



1966 CHEVROLET Coupe



THIS 1957 "starry gold" Chevy ...

MERCEDES-BENZ 450 SL sports car in Cadmium color



Energy czar tests environment-friendly Prius



REYES with ...

ENERGY SECRETARY ANGELO REYES, A staunch advocate of environmental initiatives, recently road-tested the Toyota Prius, a state-of-the-art hybrid vehicle known for its fuel efficiency and environment-friendly features.

Reyes is one of the prominent personalities and authorities tapped by Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. or TMPC to test drive the Toyota Prius in the Philippines. Toyota brought units of the Prius in the country so that the vehicles can be tested under local driving and traffic conditions.

Major step

Reyes acknowledged that the use of hybrid vehicles such as the Prius is a major step in the country's efforts to reduce air pollution.

The fuel-efficient Prius has significant benefits to the environment, the most significant of which is reduced air pollution emission. Tests show that emissions are significantly cleaner for the Prius compared to conventional vehicles.

The Prius is powered by a combination of electric and conventional internal combustion engines. The hybrid car uses an engine, its engine or battery or both to assist cruise, depending on driving conditions.

The Mitsubishi Endeavor

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Mature, character

Of Japanese origin

Ride quality

Potent engine



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Mitsubishi's coupé d'etat



On the Road



Aida Sevilla Mendoza

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Impressive acceleration

Safety features

No exception





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LIFESTYLE

Editor: Chito Bacal-Formoso · Chief of Correspondents: Pam Pastor



Prison break



GUARDS patrol the corridors.



DANCING inmates in Cebu

By Bianca Consunji
2bU! Correspondent

"THE SITUATION WE have in our jails is sad," said Pepe Diokno, one of five filmmakers who made a series of short films about Philippine jails for a project spearheaded by RockEd Philippines.

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Raw and bare

[illegible]

Diokno said, "The other [filmmakers] and I toured jails from North Luzon to Davao. We spent weeks visiting jails, with a different jail everyday. We'd talk to the inmates, hear their stories."

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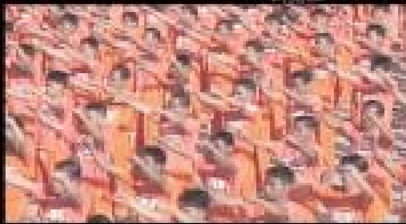
PRISON C2



ROCKED'S latest project

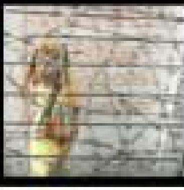






SCENES from the four films





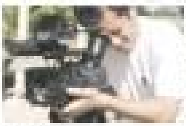
Prison break

A talk with the filmmakers

Pepe Diokno, 'Dancing for Discipline'



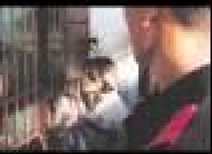
SARI Dalena



PEPE Diokno

Gang Badoy, '1048:2261'

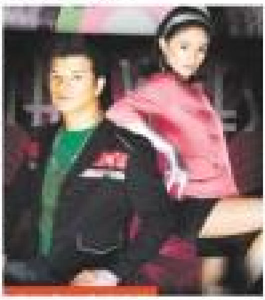





Always sweet, never moody.
Sossy pero madaling ma-reach.
Hindi hard to get.
Petite pero sakto ang curves.
Kahit araw-araw kasama hindi nakakasawa.
Pwedeng isasi kay mommy.
Masarap kapiling paggising sa umaga.
At kahit mag-break masarap pa rin.
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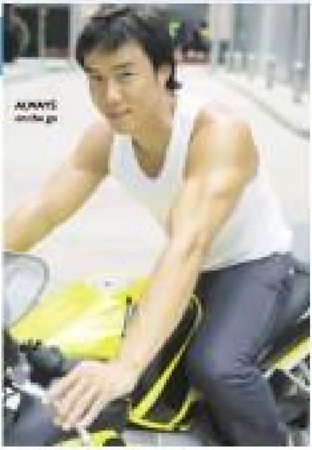
LIFESTYLE

How I survived cancer



Conversation with an amazing TV host

Chinese-American actor Allan Wu has been deluged with endorsement deals, commercial offers and an invitation to star in a Filipino movie



ALWAYS on the go



ALLAN Wu in action



RELAXING in between takes

Good news

There's a lot to tell about this groundbreaking artist, apart from bad gossip



HOT R&B artist Akon





WORKING the crowd into a frenzy









Compassionate teener builds homes on her 17th Birthday



Dulaang UP mounts Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'



T-SHIRT TALK: David & Goliath's t-shirts are made with an extra dose of attitude.

SHOP SHOOTER

Wearable wit

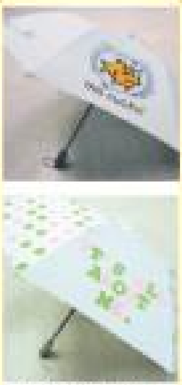
If you can't say it, let David & Goliath say it for you. And no, we don't mean the Bible characters

By Pam Pastor
Photos by [illegible]

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More than just T-shirts

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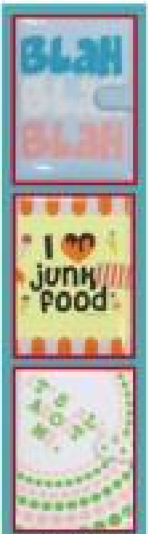
SKY WIT: Fend off the rain with funny umbrellas.



CARRY your sense of humor around.



HIT the sack with these comfy creations.



PAPER TITTER: Fill them up with your own attempts at wit.

Digging for premium fashion

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ALL GLAMMED UP: Models [illegible]

ENTERTAINMENT



The 'One Chance' that was enough

By Pocholo Concepcion

Bowled over

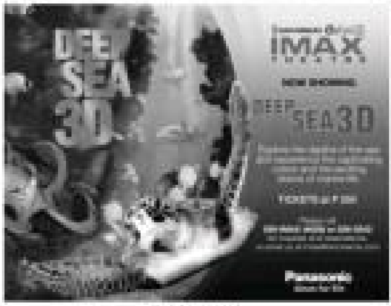
Toss-coin decision

Singing lessons

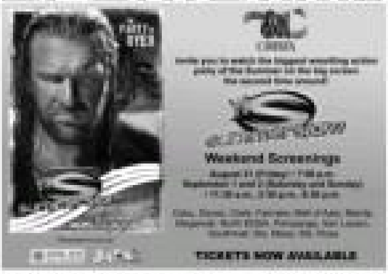
Bicycle accident

movietime SHOWTIME

Your life as a movie



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EASTWOOD CINEMAS

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GUARANTEED SEATS

1	A LOVE STORY
2	INVASION
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4	1408

SHANG CINEPLEX

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4 A LOVE STORY

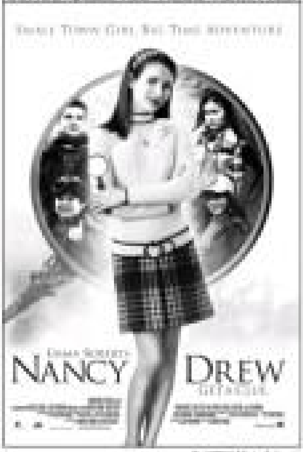
PREMIERE THEATRE

Catch the Cineplex Special

POWER PLANT CINEMA

1 1408 PG13	2 HAIRSPRAY G	3 EVAN ALMIGHTY G
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OPENS SEPTEMBER 5



'I just take each day as it comes'

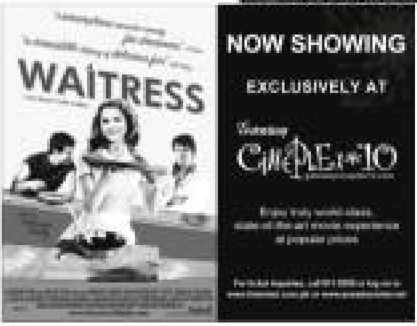
The 'One Chance' ...

ENTERTAINMENT

The latest in film publicity! A barf bag

Reuters





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Gateway | Mall | Farmers Plaza

Gateway Cineplex 10 — COMPLETELY UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS — EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

THE INVASION	LAST LEGION	1408	
DON'T LOOK BACK	MY KUYA'S WEDDING	RUSH HOUR 3 / HAIRSPRAY	
A LOVE STORY	WAITRESS	BOURNE ULTIMATUM / EVAN ALMIGHTY	THE INVASION

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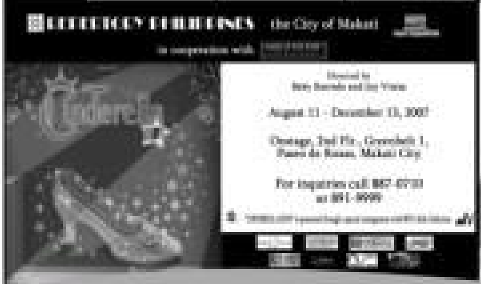
UAAP BASKETBALL GAMES	NCAA CHEERING COMPETITION

AT THE CINEMAS

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GLORIETTA 4	1 [illegible]	2 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM	3 EVAN ALMIGHTY	4 [illegible]	5 SURF'S UP	6 A LOVE STORY	7 HAIRSPRAY
GREENBELT 1	1 A LOVE STORY	2 EVAN ALMIGHTY					
GREENBELT 3	1 HAIRSPRAY	2 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM	3 [illegible]	4 RUSH HOUR 3	6 EVAN ALMIGHTY		
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 A LOVE STORY	2 HAIRSPRAY	3 EVAN ALMIGHTY	4 [illegible]	5 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM		
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 EVAN ALMIGHTY	2 LICENSE TO WED	3 A LOVE STORY	4 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM			
MARKET! MARKET!	1 A LOVE STORY	2 HAIRSPRAY	3 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM	4 EVAN ALMIGHTY	5 [illegible]		
TRINOMA	1 A LOVE STORY	2 SURF'S UP	3 [illegible]	4 HAIRSPRAY	5 RUSH HOUR 3	6 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM	7 EVAN ALMIGHTY

AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	August 20 to September 2, 2007 at the Activity Center
Greenbelt	
Alabang Town Center	
Ayala Center Cebu	
Market! Market!	
Cinderella	
Ayala Museum	
TriNoma	Luxury Car Exhibits August 24 to 30, 2007 at the Activity Center







More suitors for Marian after 'Marimar'

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

'Dong doesn't let gay friends visit me on the set'



Obviously, how people read you is based on what newspaper you read.

New game show

MyTV

Mag launch

Music oasis

ENTERTAINMENT



HAIDE ACUÑA



CHARLENE "Char" So



GERRARD "Gev" Deocas

ABS-CBN boosts Cebu local programming

By Joel Y. Migue

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A BADMINTON star?

Members of the national and Cebu press found out recently when ABS-CBN Cebu welcomed them with a party fit for celebs.

The hosts rolled out the red carpet for the writers at the entrance of the function hall alongside tarps of the new and relaunched TV shows for the region.

First stop was the "MagTV" booth, where a green chroma screen was prepared for a press photo shoot in the fashion of the Academy Awards Night.

Then the writers became the person in the hot seat while being interviewed by "Maayong Buntag Kapamilya" hosts.

Last stop was the "TV Patrol Central Visayas" set where the reporters viewed on "Star News."

This removal of roles was a preview of things to come for the regional TV station.

The new programming is part of ABS-CBN Cebu's "Big Shot in Regional."

Oldest news program

"TV Patrol Central Visayas," the oldest news program in the region, celebrated its 15th anniversary last week. To be introduced in the program are the new segments Campus Patrol, Balangaw Patrol, Trabaho Patrol and Kalikasan Patrol.

"We have invited a name in the industry and created icons in the likes of Jun Lumbera and Haide Acuña," said ABS-CBN Cebu news manager ...

... noted that the news program likewise reached out to viewers as well through active ... operations.

"MagTV," which had its maiden broadcast last Aug. 19, is the new kid on the block, and is the first TV program in the region presented in magazine format.

"Hosted by three dynamic young people, the magazine is a must-read and a page-turner. Everyone will find something interesting," said ... ABS-CBN Central Visayas production head.

The hosts come from diverse backgrounds. Charlene "Char" So, 20, is a ... Mindy de Leon is a ... 17-year-old from ... City. Gerrard "Gev" Deocas, 23, a ... it ... representative of one of the city's top ...

More features of the magazine TV show are:

ABS-CBN/F4

OPENING TODAY

Tribu



Stars Lloyd Lubaloda, Stedfort Magat, Ronald Agullion, Billy Oro

Directed by Jim Libiran

The life (and death) of Tondo gang members is told through rap and seen through the eyes of a child. Best Film in this year's Cinemalaya, it was cited for its "raw passion, searing visions." Juror Lito Zulueta of the Inquirer comments that it deserves the top prize "for its perfect marriage of digital technology and social documentary, for its scale, ambition and poetry." Exclusively in IndieSine, Robinsons Galleria.

My Kuya's Wedding

Stars Ryan Agoncillo, Pauleen Luna, Jennie Medina, Maja Salvador

Directed by Topel Lee

Think "My Best Friend's Wedding," but the bickering is between siblings. When big bro (Agoncillo) gets engaged with a sweet stranger (Luna), little sis (Salvador) does everything to break the couple apart. Lead star Agoncillo says that he was instantly drawn to the script. "I laughed and cried. It's really touching."

The Invasion

Stars Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Veronica Cartwright, Jeremy Northam

Directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel

The 1955 sci-fi novel "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" is remade yet

OPENING/F4

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GALLERIA

1 EVAN ALMIGHTY - THX [illegible]

2 A LOVE STORY [illegible]

3 RUSH HOUR 3 [illegible]

4 DISTURBIA Sneak Preview [illegible]

5 EVAN ALMIGHTY [illegible]

6 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM [illegible]

7 RISE [illegible]

8 IndieSine: INDIO NACIONAL [illegible]

9 HAIRSPRAY [illegible]

10 SIGNOS [illegible]



Won Best Film in the last Cinemalaya Film Competition

watch this only at Robinsons Movieworld Galleria AUGUST 29 to October 23

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7 RUSH HOUR 3 [illegible]

METRO EAST

1 HAIRSPRAY

2 A LOVE STORY

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8 SIGNOS

NOVALICHES

1 A LOVE STORY

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5 EVAN ALMIGHTY

6 RISE

PIONEER

1 EVAN ALMIGHTY

2 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM

3 A LOVE STORY

4 DISTURBIA Sneak Preview

STA. ROSA

1 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM
2 RUSH HOUR 3
3 EVAN ALMIGHTY
4 A LOVE STORY

LIPA

1 DEK 117
2 A LOVE STORY
3 LICENSE to WED
4 THREE

DASMARIÑAS

1 RUSH HOUR 3
2 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM
3 A LOVE STORY
4 EVAN ALMIGHTY

IMUS

1 RUSH HOUR 3
2 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM
3 EVAN ALMIGHTY
4 A LOVE STORY

ANGELES

1 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM
2 A LOVE STORY
3 EVAN ALMIGHTY
4 RUSH HOUR 3

TARLAC

1 A LOVE STORY
2 THE SIMPSONS
3 LICENSE to WED

STARMILLS

1 THREE
2 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM
3 A LOVE STORY
4 EVAN ALMIGHTY
5 SURF'S UP
6 RUSH HOUR 3

BACOLOD

1 THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM
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4 SURF'S UP
5 RUSH HOUR 3
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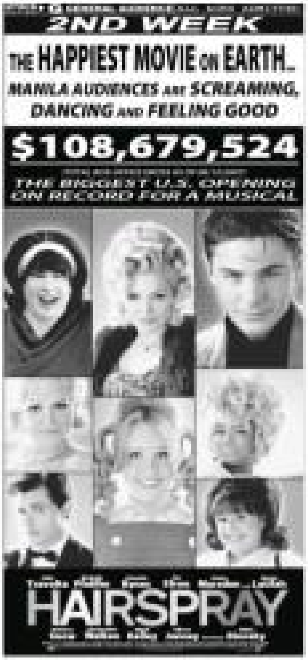


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BY JESS ABRERA



BABY BLUES
BY JERRY SCOTT



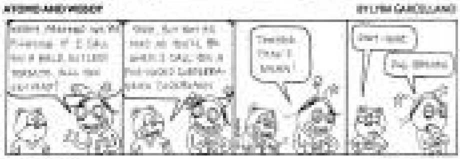
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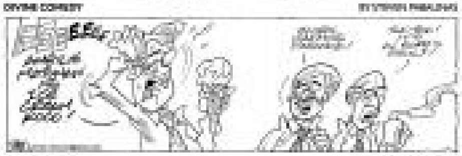
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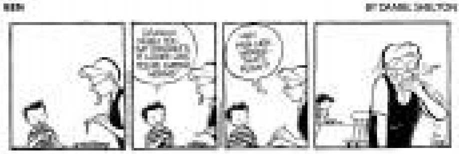


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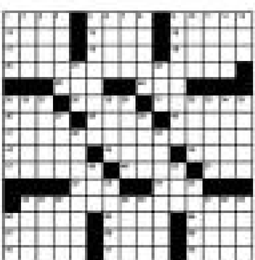


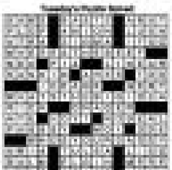






DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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8		5		9		2	4	
	1			2				
		4	5		6	8		
				3			2	
		2		4		5		1
	7				5			2
4						3	8	9

Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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Morning show

Viewers' demand

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Are We Done Yet?

Don't Look Back

The Last Legion

Gandhi, My Father

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